

**Town of Needham
Mobility Planning & Coordination Committee
Minutes for Monday, November 4, 2024**

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ADOPTED DECEMBER 9, 2024

- 7:00 p.m. Call to Order:
A meeting of the Mobility Planning & Coordination Committee was convened by Tim Bulger, Chair. Those present in-person were Guus Driessen, Tyler Gabrielski, James Goldstein, Moe Handel, and Shane Mark. Duncan Allen, Alex Clee, and Justin McCullen joined via Zoom. Stephen Frail and Paul Molta joined via Zoom shortly after the meeting began.
- 7:02 p.m. Approve Minutes from October 17, 2024:

**Motion by Mr. Handel to approve the meeting minutes from October 17, 2024.
Second: Mr. Allen. Approved 5-0-1, with Mr. McCullen abstaining.**
- 7:02 p.m. Bike Plan and Map (Continued):

Mr. Bulger led discussion on the topic of the Bike Plan and Map, basing discussion off of a list of proposed areas for bike lanes based on discussion at the last meeting. The next proposed step is to visualize this list in a map format. Committee members provided feedback about the most effective way to display this information visually, including developing various layers and colors that viewers could toggle between to experience different views, also taking into consideration the Select Board, Police Department, DPW, and the public about what is most helpful to them when using the map. Other municipalities referenced were Brookline and Somerville. Committee members also discussed the challenge of current parking in bike lanes. The Committee also discussed who are the partners in the Town Administration who will support this Committee to enable the infrastructure that is built delivers the safety benefits that are intended, through public information efforts and other strategies.

Other specific topics included suggested bike routes to the High School and Middle School and ensuring consistencies of signs around the Town. This is to ensure that drivers and other operators remain vigilant to signage. Finally, members discussed costs and opportunities for grant funding.

8:08 p.m. Updates re: Transportation Master Plan Draft Scope:

Mr. Gabrielski provided an update that the plan is to fund the Scope through Chapter 90 funding, which will provide the most flexibility.

8:12 p.m. Fall Semi-Annual Joint Meeting of the Transportation Committees:

Committee members discussed agenda items for this upcoming meeting, as well as the priorities for the next year for each of the committees represented at the Joint Meeting. Of particular significance during the discussion was coordination between Town departments in executing common goals. Committee members agreed that Tim Bulger would serve as Chair.

8:41 p.m. Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Handel that the Mobility Planning & Coordination Committee vote to adjourn the meeting of Monday, November 4, 2024.

Second: Mr. McCullen. Unanimously approved 7-0.

The next Mobility Planning & Coordination Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7 p.m.